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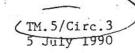
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## Unified application of the 1969 Tonnage Convention to open-top container ships

- An open-top container ship, for the purpose of application of the 1969 Tonnage Convention, means a ship which is designed for the carriage of containers and is constructed like an open "U", with a double bottom and above this high-sided erections without hatch covers on the upper deck and without a complete deck above the moulded draught (Fig.1), and needs to be regarded as a ship of a novel type as referred to in regulation 1(3).
- The provisions of the regulations of the 1969 Tonnage Convention should be applied to open-top container ships subject to the following unified interpretations.

## 2.1 Upper Deck-regulation 2(1)

In a ship which is exempted by the Administration from the requirements to fit weathertight hatch covers on the uppermost deck exposed to weather and sea, as in an open-top container ship, the upper deck should be taken as that deck which would have been determined by regulation 2(1) as if such hatch covers had been fitted.

## 2.2 Enclosed Spaces-regulation 2(4)

In open-top container ships, an opening in a deck such as the absence of hatch covers should not preclude a space from being included in the enclosed space.

Fig. 1

